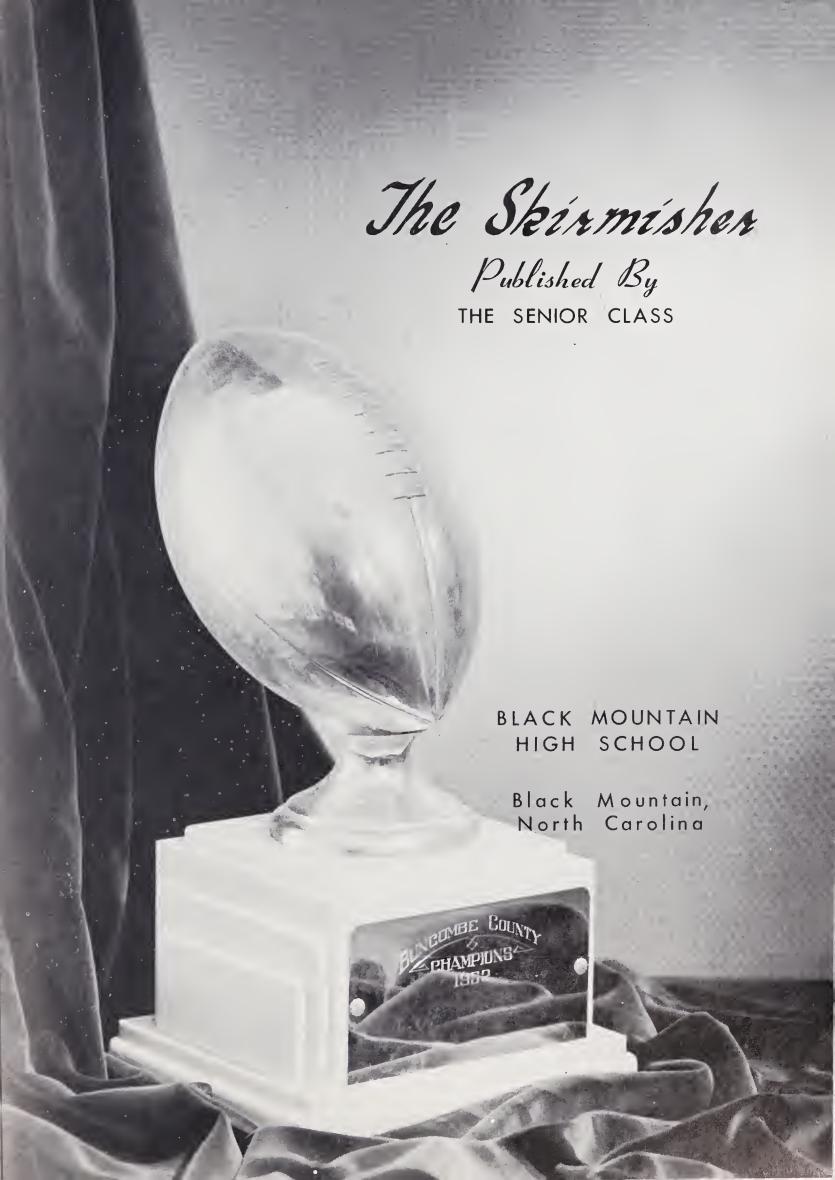
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# SKIRMISHER





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### Foreword

The Skirmisher Staff of 1953 sincerely hopes that as you look through this book, both now and in years to come, you will remember the happy hours, the many friends, and the useful knowledge you have gained at Black Mountain High School.

### Dedication

Because of your unfailing interest in Black Mountain High; for your many hours of hard practice; for the clean sportsmanship shown in every game; and because we are proud of the COUNTY CHAMPIONS of 1952-'53; WE dedicate this issue of the Skirmisher to you, the FOOTBALL TEAM of Black Mountain High School.

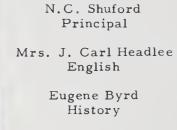


## Faculty















Mrs. Mary Woody Commercial Mrs. Martha T. Perley English

G.C. Carson Agriculture

Mrs. Josephine McCoy Mathematics

> T.W. Nesbitt Physical Science

R.W. Seawright Natural Science

Miss Rebecca A. Saunders Latin and English

Mrs. Mavis Nesbitt

Ralph Humphries

Mrs. Kathryn Humphries

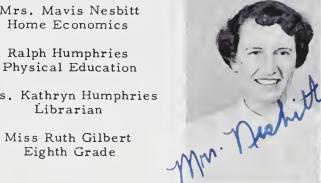
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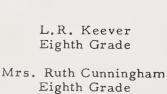


















Classes



LAWRENCE ALLEN "Preach"



JACK ATKINS "Jackie"



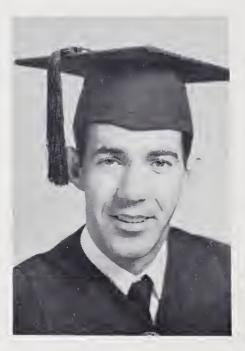
JOHNNY ATKINS "Fat"



BETTY AUSTIN



ALLIE BARTLETT "Shorty"



B.C. CANDLER "Bas"



ROSE CANDLER "Rosie"

## Seniors

INGA CHRISTENSEN "Punky"



ANDY COOK
"Kerosene"



EVELYNCOOPER



VALEEN COOPER





DAVID CORKRAN "Dave"



KATIE DALTON
'Kitty''



NANCY DOUGHERTY "Naint"



NAOMI ELLIOTT "Captain Goatwhiskers"



DONALD FORTUNE "Apple Seed"



BETTY JANE FREEMAN "Bet"



C.L. FREEMAN "Trapper"

### Seniors

LUNY GILLIAM
"Gopher"

OPAL GILLIAM

JIM GLENN
"Lil" Aus"

BOBBY HALL EMILYE HAWKINS













GERALDINE HIGH "Gerry"



JIM ISLEY "Hoppy"



ARNOLD JONES



EARL JORDAN "Hollywood"



RUTH JORDAN "Rufus"



STEVE KAPLAN



JACK KIRSTEIN "Coogan"

Seniors

JIM LeVINE

SARA MARTIN
"Sam"

CELESTE McCALL
"Celery"

MITTIE MELTON
"Shorty"











VIOLA MELTON
"Susie"



ANNE MARIE MOLLOY "Gussie"



SHIRLEY MULL
"Smudgie"



DAVID MUNDY "Fuzzy"



STUART NANNEY



YVONNE NANNEY

Seniors



BRASKA ODOM
"Braskie"

A.C. OWNBEY THELMA PAYNE

JIM PENLAND

CLARA PROPST "Prop"











WINSTON RIDDLE



BETTYE ROBERTS
"Bessie Um"



LOIS ROBINSON



ANN SAWYER
"Squeegie"



· CLIFFORD SMATHERS ''Cliff''



EVA SMITH "Evie"



SHIRLEY STONE "Carrot"

Seniors



HELEN TURNER "Jellybean"

MADGE WILHIDE "Duly"

PEGGY WILLIAMS "Pudgie"









### Senior Statistics

LAWRENCE ALLEN
Great men are made, not born.
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Folk Club 3; Student Council 3, 4;
Baseball 2, 3, 4.

JACK ATKINS
Judge not according to appearance.
"B" Club 4; Football 3.

JOHNNY ATKINS
A smile is the same in all languages.
Student Council 1, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; "B" Club 3, 4;

BETTY CAROLYN AUSTIN

Don't expect too much and you won't be disappointed.
Glee Club 1, 2; F. H. A. 1, 3, 4; J. C. L. 2, 3; "B" Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4.

ALLIE MARIE BARTLETT
Smile and the world smiles with you, cry and you cry alone.
Folk Club 2, 3; Glee Club 4; J.C.L. 3.

BASCOMBE C. CANDLER
Whence is thy learning? Hath thy toil o'er books consumed the midnight oil?
Journalism Club 4.

ALICE ROSE CANDLER
As we advance in life, we learn the limits of our abilities.
Glee Club 3; Journalism Club 4; Folk Club 2, 3; Beta

Glee Club 3; Journalism Club 4; Folk Club 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Baton Corps 4; J.C.L. 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4.

INGA GUNDELE CHRISTENSEN
I put all my troubles in the bottom of my heart, and sit on the lid and smile.
J.C.L. 3, 4; Folk Club 3; Baton Corps 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Básketball 2; F.H.A. 2; Journalism Club 4; May Court Attendant 3.

ANDY COOK
If anything is worth doing, it is worth doing well.
F.F.A. 3,4.

EVELYN COOPER
Winners never quit, and quitters never win.
F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Student Council 1, 3; Basketball 3, 4;
Library Club 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Majorette 3, 4; "B"
Club 4; J.C.L. 3.

VALEEN COOPER

The surest way not to fail is to be determined to succeed.

F.H.A.1,2; Student Council 1,2; J.C.L. 3,4; "B" Club 4; Beta Club 4; Basketball 3,4.

DAVID CORKRAN
The strength of an individual is his individuality.
Student Council 1, 2, 3; J.C.L. 1, 2, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

KATIE MAE DALTON
It is easier to do a thing right, than to explain why you did it wrong.
Folk Club 2; J.C.L. 3, 4; Glee Club 4.

NANCY CAROLYN DOUGHERTY
The surest way to have a friend is to be one.
Beta Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Journalism Club 2, 3,
4; Library Club 3; Librarian Assistant 3, 4; Student
Council 1, 3; F.H.A. 1.

NAOMI EVA ELLIOTT
Do unto others before they do to you.
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; J.C.L. 2; Glee Club 4; Band 4.

DONALD FORTUNE F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

BETTY JANE FREEMAN
Here's to the girl with a heart and a smile, that
makes the bubble of life worth while.
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; J.C.L. 3.

C.L. FREEMAN F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

OPAL VIRGINIA GILLIAM

LUNY GILLIAM

OPAL VIRGINIA GILLIAM
Things that are worth while never come easy.
F.H.A. 1,4; J.C.L. 2,4.

JIM GLENN

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

BOBBY JOE HALL
If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.
Folk Club 2; Football 3,4.

GERALDINE DORIS HIGH Climb though the rocks be rugged. F.H.A. 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,4.

JIMMY CECIL ISLEY
To be rather than to seem.
Football 2, 3; Basketball 2, 3; F.F.A. 2, 3; "B" Club
2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3.

ARNOLD JONES
It is better to be great in deeds than inwords.
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; "B"Club 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.

EARL JORDAN

Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

F.F.A. 1,2,3.

STEVE KAPLAN
It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.
Camera Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4;

JACK KIRSTEIN

There is no defeat except in no longer trying.
F.F.A. 1,2; Camera Club 4.

Annual 4.

JIM LeVINE
The only thing that can beat man is he himself.
Almost anything can be yours if you desire it greatly enough.
Football 4; Baseball 4.

SARA ANN MARTIN
He is well paid that is well satisfied.
Journalism Club 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Student
Council 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; "B" Club 4; Beta Club
3, 4; J.C.L. 1, 2.

MITTIE ELLEN MELTON
If worry were the cause for death, then I would live forever.
F.H.A.1,2,3; J.C.L. 3,4; Folk Club1; Glee Club 4; Library Club 1,2.

### Senior Statistics

VIOLA MARTHA MELTON

Without friends life would be as a flower garden without flowers.

Library Club 2,3; J.C.L. 3; Glee Club 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3.

LAURA CELESTE McCALL

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Bob Jones University Academy 1; Charlotte Bronte Literary Society 1; Glee Club 1-4; Journalism Club 2, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Baton Corps 4; Library Club 3; Annual Staff 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Library Assistant 3.

ANNE MARIE MOLLOY

Love to one, friendship to many, and good will to

Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; "B" Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 4; J.C.L. 2; May Court Attendant 3; Best Citizen Award 2.

SHIRLEY IRENE MULL

Never a tear dims the eye, that time and patience will not dry.

F.H.A. 1,4; Glee Club 2; J.C.L. 3,4; "B" Club 4; Basketball 1, 2; Cheerleader 3, 4; Student Council 4; Annual Staff 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; Football Queen 3; Winner of county essay contest 3; Beta Club 2, 3,

DAVID MUNDY

Cur?

Journalism Club 2, 3, 4; Annual 3, 4; J.C.L. 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Chief Marshal 3.

STUART NANNEY

Any road worth taking leads up hill. F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4.

YVONNE LOUGINIA NANNEY

Now the heart is so full that a drop overfills it, We are happy now because God wills it.

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 4; Annual Staff 3,4; Student Council 4; J.C.L. 3,4; F.H.A. 1,2.

BRASKA A. ODOM

Always look to the brighter things in life. "B" Club 3, 4; F.F.A. 4; Football 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4.

A.C. OWNBEY

To live as every day were the lo t. 4-HClub 1; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Band 3,4; Folk Club 3; J.C.L. 2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Mars Hill Music Clinic 3,4.

THELMA HARRIETT PAYNE

Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and the shadows will fall behind you.

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; J.C.L. 3; Le Lieves 3; Beta Club 4; Student Council 2, 3; Basketball 3, 4; "B" Club 4.

JIMMY LEE PENLAND

Never do today what you can put off and do tomorrow, and pray that it never comes. F.F.A.1,2,3,4; "B" Club 2,3,4; Football 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

CLARA BEATRICE PROPST A true friend is the greatest of all blessings.

Glee Club 4; Beta Club 4; Folk Club 1, 2, 3; J. L. C. 3,4.

WINSTON RIDDLE

Anything worth doing at all is worth doing well. F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 3; Football 2.

BETTYE JUNE ROBERTS

A gun can only shoot as high as it is aimed. F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; J.C.L. 3,4; Le Lieves 3; "B" Club 4.

LOIS MADELINE ROBINSON

All I am or ever hope to be I owe to my parents. F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; J.C.L. 3, 4.

NORMA ANN SAWYER

Living to learn, learning to live, doing to serve, serving to do.

Beta Club 3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Journalism Club 3,4; "B" Club 3,4; Annual Staff 4; J.C.L. 2,3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Writer of news column 4.

CLIFFORD SAMUEL SMATHERS

What cannot be cured must be endured. F.F.A. 1, 2; "B" Club 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 3; J.C. L. 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4.

EVA ANN SMITH

Happy am I; from care, I'm free! Why aren't you all, contented like me? F.H.A. 1; Student Council 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3,

4; J.C.L. 3, 4.

SHIRLEY JEAN STONE

A smile is as Good as Gold. Glee Club 4; J.C.L. 3; Folk Club 1, 2; Le Leives 2;

DOROTHY ANN TAYLOR

Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and the shadows will fall behind you. Journalism Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Beta Club 4.

HELEN MARIE TURNER

It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

Glee Club 4; Folk Club 2.

MADGE MARIE WILHIDE

Though it tarry, wait for it, for it will surely come. Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 4; "B" Club 3,4; Glee Club 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; J. C.L. 3,4.

PEGGY JO WILLIAMS

Happiness is cheaper than worry, so why pay the higher price.

Cheerleader 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; "B" Club 4; Journalism Club 3,4; Annual Staff 3,4; Beta Club 3,4; Student Council 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2.

RUTH AGNES JORDAN

Life is what you yourself make of it. F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 4.

EMILYE HAWKINS

F.H.A. 1; Beta Club 4; Student Council 2; Band 3, 4; Journalism Club 2, 3, 4; J.C.L. 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Baton Corps 4.

## Class History

### PREVIOUS RECORD OF 1953 SQUAD

One sunny autumn day in 1941, the stadium, Black Mountain Grammar School, was crowded with students and parents, who had come to see the brand new first grade team of 128 members perform in their starting game.

A few years passed; years of preparation in learning the plays of reading, writing, and arithmetic. The team developed from water boys to bench warmers, and some even got to play in the big games.

Then one day, the now much larger members prepared to enter a very important game on a new field, Black Mountain High School. Madam coaches Woody and Walker, and master coach Seawright, led the striving team of 99 members to a very successful season during the ninth grade. The real spirit was kept at top-rate by the Mistress Captain, Evelyn Cooper, and her cheerleaders. That year also scored a big hit due to the publishing of the program "The Ninth Newcomer".

The next year found the 85 members ready and prepared to run any play which might confront them or try to block their way. During this quarter, the team was successfully led by Miss Waugh, Mrs. McMurray, Mr. Byrd, and Captain Wilburn Waters.

The Junior team, being one of determination, tackled problems of concession stands which were composed of magazine sales, Halloween Carnival, and other money-raising funds. They played a well-fought game during the first half so that they would be in good shape for the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom in the last quarter. Tokens of class rings were also obtained by the team.

After playing with their team mates for three years, many gave their places on the squad to the new substitutes; who followed and came through with shining colors. That year's team was proud of its coaches, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Headlee, and Miss Saunders, and much praise went to the president, David Corkran, for outstanding signals which he gave to the team.

Now that the senior squad is approaching the final game of the season in June, each team mate is determined to run down the future's field and score a successful and outstanding touchdown, which will place them in the starting lineup for whatever may be their life's goal.

The team of 56 well deserving seniors, sparked by captain, Rose Candler, owes much of its season's success to its patient head coaches and friends, Mrs. Perley and Mrs. McCoy, for without them, its last game would have been a failure and a loss.

As they, carrying the title of "Graduates of 1953", march out of the high school stadium, they will recall the guidance and friendliness of their team mates. However, their fondest wishes will still be in the red brick building as they cheer the other teams on to victory.

## Class Prophecy

#### 1975 ALL-AMERICAN GRID SQUAD PICKED

Laurence Allen and A.C. Ownbey made their first million by selling their patented vanilla covered chocolate popsicle.

Madge Wilhide is now director of the Physical Education department of the combined Swannanoa and Black Mountain schools. Those serving under her: Jim Isley, blowing up footballs; Bobby Hall, modeling sports equipment; and Ruth Jordan and Betty Jane Freeman, mending basketball nets.

B.C. Candler, president of WEE FINGER CANDY COMPANY, has recently hired the following finger experts: Head Manicurist, Shirley Stone, Assistants: Katie Dalton, buttering the fingers; Bettye Roberts, guming the drops.

Eva Smith now makes horse blankets which are modeled by Jim Levine's prize race horses.

Arnold Jones defeated Dot Taylor, alias Marylin Monroe, for the World's Middleweight championship. Referee for the bout was Earl Jordan.

Steve Kaplan, nationally known photographer of Esquire Magazine, has recently visited France, where he took pictures of the Parisian doll, Mademoiselle (Inga) Christensen. Also he met the notorious co-authors, Anne Marie Molloy and Johnny Atkins, who have just completed their book, 'La Petite Martin', which is a biography of the first woman president of France, Sara Martin.

Peggy Williams, famed Dare Devil trick driver, has just completed her tour of the U.S. in her hot-rod designed by pit-men, Andy Cook and C.L. Freeman.

Nurses Betty Austin, Rose Candler, Ann Sawyer, and Shirley Mull, upon arriving at the Crackpot Hospital were thrust into bed, being mistaken for patients.

The noted pediatrician, Doctor Braska Odom, alias Fingers, has completed his first successful operation. Result---patient died.

Yvonne Nanney, soprano soliost, made her debut at Carnegie Hall, accompanied at the twin pianos by Nancy Dougherty and Celeste McCall. Preceeding the performance, Prima Ballerina, Emilye Hawkins presented "Swan Lake."

Jimmy Glenn was apprehended by Forest Ranger Corkran for poaching, and was later convicted in court by Judge Jack Kirstein.

Hedda Hopper reports: The premire opening of the smash hit, Blondie and Dagwood, starring Thelma Payne and Clifford Smathers, will be attended by Rudolph Valentino (Jack Atkins), and his leading lady, Evelyn Cooper. Highlighting the party was the new sensation, Valeen Cooper, replacing Mel Blanc in his voice characterization of Porky Pig.

David Mundy, prominent Wall Street broker, financed a sight-seeing tour of New York for the following representatives of various organizations: Guiding the tour was Luny Gilliam, bus driver.

Mittie Melton has recently opened her new ladies apparel shop, "Mittie's Musts", featuring the newest look in Lois lingerie by Robinson, and Helen's Hosiery.

Judge Winston Riddle has acclaimed Staurt Nanneys' termite farm "most likely to collapse."

In the Korean theater, Donald Fortune was made a five-star general, replacing the late General Taylor.

The wedding bells will soon ring out a happy future for Geraldine High. Attending her will be Viola Melton as Maid of Honor and Brides Maids will be Allie Bartlett and Clara Propst.

### Last Will and Testament

We, the Black Mountain High School Seniors, have, after many a trying hour, reached our goal-finishing high school. Now, as we near the time of departure from our dear classmates and beloved school, we make this our Last Will and Testament.

To the Junior Class we leave the privilege of studying Beowulf and Macbeth (Go easy with them Mrs. Perley!)

We leave our dignity to the Freshmen Class and the Sophomore Class.

To our dear teachers we leave all underclassmen and a real big red apple (containing a worm of course!)

#### PERSONAL ITEMS:

Betty Austin-wills her cheerleading position to Joann Biddix and her loud ways to Judy Capps. Lawrence Allen-wills his dimples and hair to John Buckner.

Allie Bartlett-wills her ability to do shorthand to Johnny Raines.

Jack Atkins-wills his front seat in English to Joyce Justus.

Rose Candler-leaves her bangs to another "Mamie" enthusiast.

Johnny Atkins-leaves his crew cut to Mr. Shuford.

Inga Christensen-bequeaths her sun tan to Eleanor Justus and her love for literature to William Perry.

B.C. Candler-bequeaths his hair to Mr. Byrd.

Andy Cook-wills his driving skill to Bobby Edwards.

Evelyn Cooper-leaves her drum majorette uniform to Eleanor Justus.

David Corkran-leaves his proficiency in Latin III to John Williams.

Valeen Cooper-bequeaths her basketball co-captainship to Judy Capps and her Latin book to Peggy Packett.

Donald Fortune-wills his basketball "skill" to Arthur Davis.

Katie Dalton-wills her love for Latin to Rhoda Morris.

C. L. Freeman-leaves his "brains" to Phil Miller.

Nancy Dougherty-wills her size to Nancy Wilson and her busy ways to Jack Farr.

Luny Gilliam-wills his school bus to Lawrence Elliott.

Naomi Elliott-bequeaths her nickname, Captain Goatwhiskers, to Henry Waite.

Jim Glenn-wills his wittiness to Paul Wright.

Betty Jane Freeman-leaves her boyfriend to Betty Jo Stroud. "Oh! how I'll miss him."

Bob Hall-wills his cigarettes to Dallas Calloway.

Opal Gilliam-bequeaths her 24 inch waist line to Barbara Ledbetter.

Jim Isley-leaves his 'golden voice of the hills' to Arthur Davis.

Emilye Hawkins-wills her musical ability to Jack Farr and her smile to Myrna Putnam.

Geraldine High-wills her ability to catch a man to Geraldine Collins.

Arnold Jones-bequeaths his football uniform to anyone it will fit.

Ruth Jordan-leaves her seat in English to Evelyn Padgett.

Earl Jordan-leaves his seat in sociology to Grady Swann.

Sara Martin-wills her position as cheerleader to Charlotte Knoefel and her fondness of the senior boys to Lynda Sue.

Steve Kaplan-wills his great faith in B.M.H.S. to the rising senior class, which may need it in the near future.

Celeste McCall-wills her ability to get a driver's license to Grace Simons.

Jack Kirstein-leaves his height to Tommy Love.

Mittie Melton-leaves her seat in Latin to Rhoda Morris and her book to Shelba Jean McCall. Jim LeVine-wills his football position to "hard hitting line bursting, Red Grange Waite.

Viola Melton-wills her place in the lunch line to Faye Rice and her ability to find new discoveries in bookkeeping to Mary Rutledge.

David Mundy-leaves Love (i. e. Tommy) to the school and a half-interest in locker no. 16 to William Price.

Anne Marie Molloy-wills her co-captaincy to Nora Williams and her dark eyes and the ability to roll them whenever necessary to Nancy Jo Thompson.
Stuart Nanney-wills his love for hillbilly music to Craig Cooley.
Shirley Mull-bequeaths her pony's tail to Nancy Lou Waite.

Braska Odom-leaves his basketball uniform to Bud Wilhide.

Yvonne Nanney-wills her naturally curly hair to Caroline Pittman.

A.C. Owenby-wills his voice to Mr. Seawright.

Thelma Payne-wills her love of Mrs. McCoy's classroom to Dale Wrenn. (Four times aday)

Jim Penland-bequeaths his adventures at Mars Hill to Calvin Runion.

Clara Propst-wills her ability to break a certain girl's heart to Faye Williams and her seat in bookkeeping to Texie Mundy.

Winston Riddle-wills his quiet ways to John Corkran.

Bettye Roberts-wills her part of the U.S. Navy to Laura Williams.

Lois Robinson-leaves her boyfriend to Hazel Shuford.

Ann Sawyer-bequeaths her pony's tail to Sandy Sarti and her good times in high school to her "deer" sister, Judy.

Eva Smith-wills all of her sour notes to the band, Craig Cooley in particular, and the job of editor to the most ambitious person in school.

Shirley Stone-leaves her ability to drive and operate a car to anyone who will take the risk. Clifford Smathers-wills his football uniform to "William" Wells.

Dot Taylor-wills her ability to play Grieg's Piano Concerto to Jo Anne McLean.

Helen Turner-wills her love for bookkeeping to Margie Teague.

Madge Wilhide-leaves her "no. 1" basketball uniform to Jackie Sarti and her height to her brother, Bud.

Peggy Williams-wills her love for State College to Charles Colquitt. Wilburn Waters bequeaths his place at the radiator to Harold Fox.









Wittiest

# ATIVES





# Baby Pictures



Yvonne

Emilye

Noomi

BeTry Q.

# Juniors

James Allison Alma Ballew Charles Belcher

Billy Bradley

Donald Brown John Buckner Gerald Burgess Dallas Calloway

Julia Capps Jimmy Clevenger Charles Colquitt John Corkran

























Betty Harris Charles Hensley

# Juniors

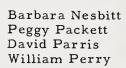


J.L. Hollifield LaVerne Jones Eleanor Justus Dick Kelly

Eugene Knoefel Barbara Ledbetter Wayne Ledbetter Jo Ann Lunsford

Betty Lytle Ruby Mattox Donald McDougle Joanne McLean

Doris McMahan Glenn Melton James Miller Texie Mundy











Carolyn Prescott

# Juniors

William Price Myrna Putnam Sara Raines Hazel Reece

Jimmy Reid Mary Ruth Roland Sandy Sarti Beatrice Slagle

Betty Jo Stroud Dean Summey Arlene Swann Grady Swann







Bobby Watson Faye Williams Laura Williams Dale Wrenn

Paul Wright

# Sophomores

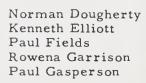


Dorothy Allen Kenneth Atkins Katherine Bailey Lloyd Bartlett Lois Blankenship

Billie Brown Buzzie Brown Geneva Brown Wayne Cordell Loretta Brown

Cleta Carter
John Casey
Geraldine Collins
Austin Cooley
Helen Dalton

Barbara Daugherty Harold Davidson Eugene Davis Robert Davis Sara Dickens





Donny Giard Nell Golightly



# Sophomores

Scotty Gragg Johnny Hall Milton Hamby Wayne Hampton Robert Harris

A.T. Hollifield Arlene Johnson Michael Jolly Joyce Justus Mary Frances Kelly

Joe Kirstein Ann Leatherwood Julia Kerlee Lynda Martin Joyce McCall

























Clark Nanney, Jr. Lois Nanney Arnold Nelon Theodore Nelon Johnny Nichols





### Sophomores



Evelyn Padgett Mary Padgett Caroline Pittman Jimmy Price Johnny Raines

Dan Reese Patsy Reynolds Dale Ritchie Florence Roberts Henry Rogers

Landon Runion Mary Rutledge Grace Simons Eugene Sneed Thomas Solesby

Grover Sparks
Bobby Stone
Margie Teague
Nancy Jo Thompson
Patty Tyson





Nancy Wilson

### Freshmen



Loretta Allison Betty Ball Hazel Bartlett Hazel Bartlett (Sophomore) Myrna Bartlett

Ray Bartlett John Beddingfield Bill Belcher Vincent Bellis Joan Biddix

George Blanton Irene Blevins Daniel Boone Hazel Brandon Jimmy Brinkley

Eugene Burke Betty Burnette Alma Jean Byrd Charlotte Carpenter Howard Casey

Allie Chandler Herbert Cordell Judy Cordell Carolyn Creasman McClenda Creasman

Ransome Davis Margaret Denny Clara Duncan Ann Elliott Lawrence Elliott

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Mark Elliott Mary Louise Fortune

### Freshmen



Gwenette Gahagan Katherine Gardner Stanley Garland James Gilliam Sara Gouge

Vaughn Greene Hattie Harris William Henderson Faye Hollifield Wanda Hollifield

William Hyder Inez Jones Frank Jordan Charlotte Knoefel Don Ledbetter

Jack Ledbetter Tommy Love Kenneth Martin Shirley McGuire Georgia Melton

Marie Melton Geraldine Moody Joseph Moore Ann Morris Hazel Morris

Marilyn Morris Cecil Murphy, Jr. Bobby Nix Delores Odom Lula Osteen

Imogene Plemmons Shirley Reid

### Freshmen

Faye Rice Tarleton Roberts Grace Robinson Melvin Rollins Calvin Runion



Shirley Stanley Mattie Summey Josie Surrett Leon Taylor Nancy Lou Waite





Betty Jean Warren William Wells Carroll White William White Patricia Whittemore



Nora Williams Thelma Williams Daniel Wilson Mary Jo Worley

### Alma Mater

Black Mountain High School!
Black Mountain High School!
We hail our Alma Mater true;
Here's to our colors
Our noble colors
Maroon and white are tried and true!

The friendships formed here, The knowledge gained here In work or play our song today. Though years may come and go Dear Alma Mater, They'll never fade away!











### LEST WE FORGET.....

....the friendly smile of Mr. Carson. We often wondered if he could really milk a cow or raise a vegetable garden.

....that questioning but approving smile in the eyes of our beloved principal and friend, Mr. Shuford.

....Mrs. Perley, who taught us all the good English we AIN'T going to forget.

....the enlightening remarks which will be recorded in history, taught by Mr. Byrd.

....the biology classes of Mr. Seawright, who appears as though he were anticipating the dissection of one of his students.

.... "Buff" again on the move; this time on the scholastic field, instead in that of athletics.

....the many Latin words which Miss Saunders quoted. We were never sure if she were praising or complaining.

....the interested expressions on the faces of Mr. Nesbitt's chemistry students. (Perhaps they are making plans to blow up the school.)









....Robert, who was the only one of us who could keep the halls clean.

....welcoming Mrs. Gouge to our classes. Even though she was a substitute, she filled the place of the regular teachers well.

....the delectable aroma of good food that came from Mrs. Nesbitt's kitchen lab.

....the out-stretched hand of Mrs. Maydwell, as she directed the Band and the Glee Club.

....Mrs. Headlee's English classes. Who learned more, the students or the teacher?

....Mrs. Humphries's library. Do you think that she ever read all those books?

....the noisy hum-drum of the typewriters in typing class, but the sweet disposition of Mrs. Woody made it a pleasure.

....the many hours Mrs. McCoy spent in preparing the "Skirmisher". She still used her mathematics, however, as she counted the picture money.













FIRST ROW: Mr. Keever, Paul Allison, Ray Thomas, Don Wright, Truman Hollifield, Cecil Owenby, Billy Soloman, J.D. Parton, Bill Garrison, Jimmy Smith. SECOND ROW: Billy Moore, Billy Vanoy, Jarvis Dickens, Charles Moore, Bobby Hudgins, Bobby Gasperson, Jackie Clevenger, Bill Creasman, Joe Thompson. THIRD ROW: Daniel Nanney, Robert Kelly, Jack Nanney, Jimmy Watkins, Tommy Timmerman, Jack Wilson, Howard Moore, Bobby Causey. FOURTH ROW: Glen Bartlett, Bruce Blankenship, James Northcott, Jay Ballew, Dickie Reed, Jimmy Burke, Maurice Nanney, Steve Byrd, John Haney, Paul Sparks. FIFTH ROW: Daniel Elliot, David Trammel, Jerome Kelly, Bill Wade, Marvin Nelon, Lee Ledbetter, Larry Stroud, and Richard Johnson.



Activities



### Student Council



SEATED: Nancy Lou Waite, Scotty Gragg, Celeste McCall, Nancy Dougherty, Sara Martin, Tommy Love, Barbara Nesbitt, Clifford Smathers, Charles Moore, David Mundy, Paul Allison, Mr. Seawright. SECOND ROW: Vincent Bellis, Charlotte Carpenter, Frances Kaplan, Jo Ann Lunsford, Johnny Atkins, Shirley Mull, Anne Marie Molloy, John Williams, William Price, Joyce Justus, Nancy Jo Thompson, Johnny Nichols, Betty Lytle, Lula Osteen. THIRD ROW: Rose Candler, Yvonne Nanney, Marie Benge, Lawrence Allen, William Perry, Jack Farr, John Buckner, Stuart Nanney.

#### OFFICERS

Clifford SmathersPres	sident
Barbara NesbittVice Pres	sident
Steve KaplanSecr	etary
Tommy Love	surer

The Student Council, the school organization that represents all the students, has achieved one of its most successful years since its reorganization five years ago. One of the first items of business this year was the revision of the constitution. A point system, awarding an English letter, was established, with the hope that it would be permanent. Much of the actual work of the council was done by committees. The Assembly and Devotional Committee arranged many excellent devotionals and assembly programs. The Bulletin Board Committee regularly posted new and entertaining posters. The Sanitation Committee assisted in keeping the building clean. Student Day and Parent-Field Day Committees did a great deal of work on their respective projects. The committee on Special Affairs, carrying out its aim of publicizing the work of the council, arranged several newspaper articles, and also for an article in "Student Life", the publication of the National Association of Student Councils. It arranged several series of announcements over the public address system; sponsored several special council actions; and in addition edited and duplicated the news bulletin for the Western District, North Carolina Student Council Congress. Several students attended the annual congress, at which Tommy Love, editor of the news bulletin and member of the local council, was a candidate for vice president of the Congress.

# Journalism Club

The Journalism Club is organized to provide experience in journalism for all high school students who wish to join the club. A semi-quarterly, THE HIGH TOP, is edited and mimeographed under the able guidance of the club sponsor, Mrs. Mary Woody. All club members have positions on the staff of the paper. The club edited four football programs this year for the benefit of the football team.



FIRST ROW: Yvonne Nanney, John Williams, Eva Smith, Sara Martin, Jack Farr, SECOND ROW: Nancy Dougherty, Mrs. Mary Woody, David Mundy, Dot Taylor, Scotty Gragg, Steve Kaplan, Celeste McCall, Anne Marie Molloy, Shirley Mull.

CLUB

President.......Sara Martin
Vice President......Dot Taylor
Secretary......Scotty Gragg
Treasurer.....Nancy Dougherty
Sponsor......Mary Woody
Proof reader....Yvonne Nanney

Editor..... Eva Smith
Associate Editor......Jack Farr
Business Manager..Celeste McCall
Art Editor.....John Williams
Literary Editor.....David Mundy
Sports Editors.....Steve Kaplan,
Anne Marie Molloy

Circulation Manager ......Shirley Mull



FIRST ROW: Eleanor Justus, Barbara Nesbitt. SECOND ROW: Mary Ann Whitaker, Charlotte Knoefel, Inga Christensen, Madge Wilhide, Peggy Williams. THIRD ROW: Rose Candler, Ann Sawyer, Betty Austin. FOURTH ROW: Paul Wright, William Price, Nancy Waite, Joan Biddix, Joan Lunsford, Julia Kerlee, Ruby Mattox, Pansy Melton, Caroline Pittman, Patty Tyson, Joyce Justus, Lynda Sue Martin, Buzzie Brown.

### Latin Club

The Latin Club is composed of two groups: Latin I; and Latin II and III combined. Miss Saunders is faculty sponsor. Shirley Mull is president of Latin II and Scotty Gragg of Latin I. The clubs meet every two weeks.



LATIN I

FIRST ROW: John Williams, Donny Giard, Scotty Gragg, Dale Wrenn, E.V. Gouge, Judy Capps, Eleanor Justus, Jo Ann Lunsford. SECOND ROW: Terry Guthrie, Betty Lytle, Doris McMahan, Peggy Packett, Charles Hensley, Miss Saunders, Betty Harris, Mary Rowland. THIRD ROW: Dick Kelly, Don McDougle, Barbara Nesbitt, William Price, Hazel Reese, Faye Williams, Betty Turner, Beatrice Slagle. FOURTH ROW: Stan Davis, James Allison, Joe Kirstein, John Buckner, James Miller, Texie Mundy, and Laura Williams.



LATIN II

FIRST ROW: Inga Christensen, Valeen Cooper, Madge Wilhide, Eva Smith, Shirley Mull. SECOND ROW: Clara Propst, Bettye Roberts, Yvonne Nanney, Mittie Melton, Katie Dalton, Miss Saunders, Lois Robinson. THIRD ROW: John Corkran, Opal Gilliam, Rose Candler, and David Mundy.

### F. H.A.

The homes of tomorrow are in the hands of the youth of today; therefore, we, the Future Homemakers, face the future with warm courage and high hopes.



FIRST ROW: Betty Lytle, President; Eleanor Justus, Secretary; Dale Wrenn, Vice President; Barbara Nesbitt, Reporter; Peggy Packett, Parliamentarian; Caroline Prescott, Song Leader; Joyce Justus, Treasurer; Betty Jo Stroud, Historian. SECOND ROW: Marilyn Morris, Lula Osteen, Alma Byrd, Mary Louise Fortune, Judy Cordell, Shirley McGuire, Joan Biddix, Jo Ann Lunsford, Betty Harris, Arlene Swann, Wanda Hollifield, Inez Jones, Nancy Waite, and Marie Melton. THIRD ROW: Delores Odom, Jackie Sarti, Myrna Bartlett, Faye Hollifield, Ann Elliott, Hazel Reese, Helen Taylor, Doris McMahan, Hattie Harris, Jo Ann McLean, Caroline Pittman, Margie Gardner, Nancy Wilson, and Mrs. Tom Nesbitt, sponsor. FOURTH ROW: Judy Sawyer, Sara Gouge, Nancy Thompson, Lynda Sue Martin, Ann Whitaker, Charlotte Knoefel, Geraldine Collins, Rowena Garrison, Dorothy Allen, Nell Golightly, Mary Francis Kelly, Pansy Melton, and Ruby Mattox. FIFTHROW: Bettye Roberts, Charlotte Carpenter, Faye Rice, Lois Blankenship, Ann Leatherwood, Mary Padgett, Arlene Johnson, Madge Wilhide, Ann Sawyer, Betty Austin, Shirley Mull, Willie Kate Slagle, and Julia Kerlee. SIXTH ROW: Shirley Stanley, Mattie Summey, Imogene Plemmons, Patricia Whittemore, Lois Nanney, Mary Jo Worley, Lois Robinson, Ruth Jordan, Betty Jane Freeman, Opal Gilliam, Naomi Elliott, Geneva Brown, Shirley Reed, and Betty Warren.

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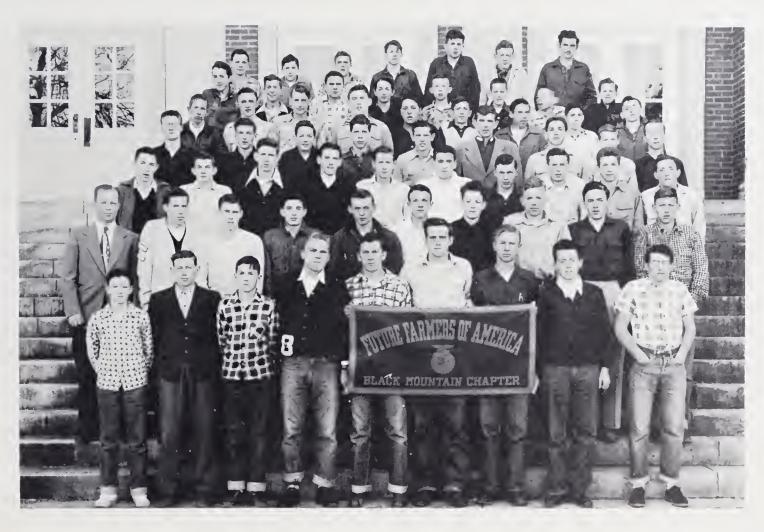
The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agricultural leadership, co-operation, and citizenship.

Through the activities of the Future Farmers of America, members strive to fulfill these aims by:

"Learning to do; Doing to learn: Earning to live; Living to serve."

The seniors' main outlook and purpose is to occupy the time and the minds of the Future Homemakers of America. With a little will power, lots of luck, and an iron stomach, they, "The Present Seniors", hope to survive to prosper in business and start a new generation.

The officers for this year are: President, Stuart Nanney; Vice President, Arnold Jones; Secretary, Luny Gilliam; Treasurer, Arthur Davis; Reporter, J.L. Hollifield; and Watch Dog, Dallas Calloway.



FIRST ROW: Daniel Wilhide, Eugene Davis, Phil Miller, Arnold Jones, Arthur Davis, Luny Gilliam, Stuart Nanney, J.L. Hollifield, and Wayne Osteen. SECOND ROW: Mr. G.C. Carson, sponsor; E.V. Gouge, Gerald Burgess, David Parris, Johnny Raines, Tommy Solesby, Robert Harris, Winston Riddle, Bobby Watson, and Henry Rogers. THIRD ROW: Dean Summey, Johnny Hall, Jim Penland, Laurence Allen, Jim Glenn, Wayne Hampton, Wayne Ledbetter, Calvin Runion, Dallas Calloway, and Braska Odom. FOURTH ROW: Andy Cook, C.L. Freeman, Jimmy Brinkley, Jimmy Price, Kenneth Martin, A.C. Ownbey, Dan Reese, Landon Runion, and Leon Taylor. FIFTHROW: Ray Bartlett, Clark Nanney Jr., Arnold Nelon, McClenda Creaseman, Gene Burke, Ransome Davis, Daniel Wilson, Frank Jordan, and Bobby Nix. SIXTH ROW: Harold Davidson, A.T. Hollifield, Billy Hyder, Charles Whitaker, Cecil Murphy, Billy Belcher, Joe Moore, and Bobby Stone. SEVENTH ROW: Jack Ledbetter, Don Ledbetter, Vaughn Green, Johnny Beddingfield, Mark Elliott, Paul Gasperson, and Jimmy Clevenger.

### Camera Club



TOP: Billy Wells, Steve Kaplan, Don McDougle, Vincent Bellis, Sandy Sarti. DOWN: Austin Cooley. LEFT TO RIGHT: Eugene Knoefel, John Buckner, Tarleton Roberts, William Perry, Mr. Nesbitt, and Arnold Creasman.

The Camera Club has done more for the school this year than probably any other year. They purchased a camera, took the basketball, cheerleader, senior superlative, and camera club pictures. The club has grown in membership, as well as becoming more interesting to the boys. Mr. Nesbitt, the faculty advisor, has done an excellent job in advising the club about darkroom work, making equipment, such as tanks, and a dryer. The club hopes to improve as much in the coming years as it has this year, and, in doing so, accomplish its goal, helping the school in its photographic needs.

#### OFFICERS

President	John Buckner
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Student Advisor	
Faculty Advisor	

# "B" Club



FIRST ROW: Thelma Payne, Ann Sawyer, Madge Wilhide, Johnny Atkins, and Mr. Humphries, coach. SECOND ROW: Jimmy Penland, Bud Wilhide, Clifford Smathers, Sara Martin, Anne Marie Molloy, Betty Austin, Shirley Mull, Braska Odom, E.V. Gouge, David Parris and Stanley Davis. THIRD ROW: Betty Roberts, Valeen Cooper, Peggy Packett, Dale Wrenn, Dallas Calloway, Dale Ritchie, Gerald Burgess, Arnold Jones, Grady Swann and Peggy Williams.

#### **OFFICERS**

Johnny Atkins President
Madge Wilhide
Ann SawyerTreasurer
Thelma PayneSecretary

The "B" Club is composed of students who have earned an athletic letter by participating in one or more of the sports offered in our school.

One of the Club's main projects this year was the buying of the basketball jackets for the girls and boys.

The faculty advisor of the club is Mr. Ralph "Buffalo" Humphries, who coaches football, boys basketball, and baseball.

# Glee Club

The purpose of the Glee Club is to let those who sing show their ability. The Glee Club has been under the able sponsorship of Mrs. Charles Maydwell.



President Celeste McCall

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Vice President Inga Christensen



Secretary Dorothy Taylor



Treasurer Geraldine High



FIRST ROW: Naomi Elliott, Yvonne Nanney, Geraldine High, Celeste McCall, Inga Christensen, Dorothy Taylor. SECOND ROW: Ruth Jordan, Peggy Williams, Inez Jones, Delores Odom, Mary Louise Fortune, Eleanor Justus, Barbara Nesbitt, Caroline Pittman, Nancy Dougherty. THIRD ROW: Clara Propst, Mary Padgett, Helen Turner, Lois Blankenship, Marilyn Morris, Sara Gouge, Faye Rice, Myrna Putnam. FOURTH ROW: Shirley Stone, Viola Melton, J. L. Hollifield, A.C. Ownbey, John Corkran, Austin Cooley.



TOPROW: Betty Austin, Valeen Cooper, David Corkran, Nancy Dougherty, Emilye Hawkins, Steve Kaplan, Sara Martin. LEFT COLUMN: Judy Capps, John Corkran, Billy Jo Goforth, Scotty Gragg, Eleanor Justus, Barbara Nesbitt. LEFT CENTER COLUMN: Shirley Mull, Yvonne Nanney, Thelma Payne, Clara Propst. RIGHT CENTER COLUMN: Ann Sawyer, Eva Smith, Dorothy Taylor, Peggy Williams. RIGHT COLUMN: William Perry, William Price, Nancy Jo Thompson, Patty Tyson, John Williams, Dale Wrenn, Paul Wright. IN SYMBOL: Anne Marie Molloy, Mrs. Martha T. Perley, Madge Wilhide, Celeste McCall, Rose Candler.

## King and Queen



KING: Joe Robinson; QUEEN: Jo Ann Kelly; TRAIN BEARERS: Samuel A. Snook III and Jane Russell.

# May Court



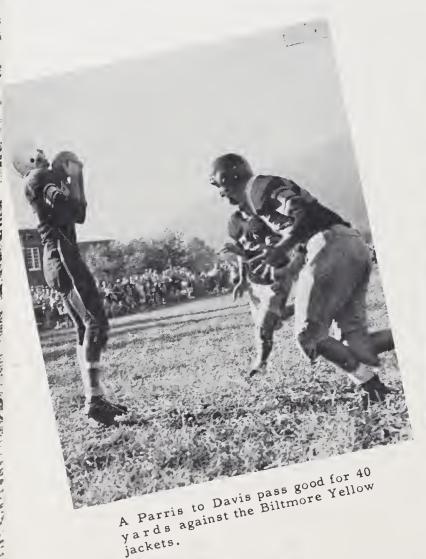
Steve Kaplan, Trumpeter; Clifford Smathers, Valeen Cooper, Terry Gutherie, Katherine Bailey, Dick Ramsey, Barbara Justus, Jack Atkins, Elaine Allison, David Roberts, Marion Simons, Stanley Burgin, Sybil Joyner, Wilburn Waters. Evelyn Cooper, Maid of Honor; King, Joe Robinson; Queen, Jo Ann Kelly; Julia Capps, Jane Russell, Train Bearer; Wayne Fox, Anne Marie Molloy, Roger White, Jo Ann McLean, John Buckner, Barbara Nesbitt, Dick Kelly, Grace Simons, John Corkran, Eleanor Justus, Harold McIntosh, Inga Christensen, Eugene Knoefel, Trumpeter.



Athletics



FIRST ROW: Arthur Davis, Wayne Osteen, David Parris, Jimmy Brinkley, Johnny Nichols, Norman Dougherty, Glenn Melton, Sandy Sarti, Charles Belcher, Johnny Hall. SECOND ROW: Clarence Tolley, Arnold Jones, Ed Buchanan, Braska Odom, Johnny Atkins, Clifford Smathers, Bobby Hall, Henry Waite, Gerald Burgess, Dan Reese, Dallas Calloway. THIRD ROW: Harold Foxx, David Corkran, Jim LeVine, James Miller, Dale Ritchie, James Jones, Grady Swann, Bill Henderson, and Stan Davis. NOT PICTURED: John Corkran.





A hard driving half-back, Gerald Burgess, ploughs his way through a swarm of Swannanoa Tacklers.

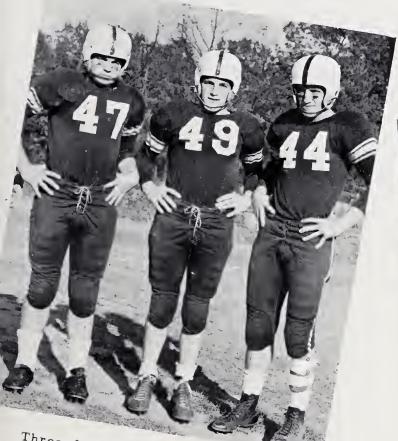
# Black Mountain Wins



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# Black Mountain Beats Biltmore



Three of the Darkhorses outstanding candidates for Optimist Bowl honors: Johnny Atkins (47), Clifford Smathers (49), and Jim Levine (44).

# **Darkhorses** Top Woodfin High, 19-0

### Odom, Burgess And Levine Spark Attack

The powerful Black Mountain Darkhorses ran roughshod over the Woodfin High gridders to hand them a 19-0 defeat on the Oakley High field last night.

Taking an early lead, Coach Buff Humphries' Darkhorses sparked by the running of Jimmy Levine, Braska Odom, and Gerald Burgess drove from their own 25 to the Woodfin five yard line. From there Levine carried the ball over to score the first touchdown.

Levine made the extra point and

Levine made the extra point and Black Mountain led 7-0 at the end

of the first quarter.

In the second period the Darkhorses began to roll again as John-ny Atkins, Burgess, Levine and Odom drove 75 yards to the two yard marker where Burgess charged over for the touchdown.

Striking again in the third period, the same backs set out on a 65 yard drive that was climaxed by Johnny Atkins' 20 yard run to pay

Woodfin never threatened to any great degree at any time during

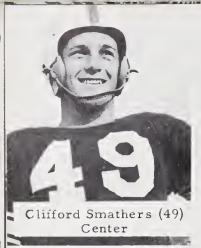
great degree at any time during the game.

Coach Humphries praised the work of Atkins, Burgess, Levine and Odom. He also singled out Dave Parris for his brilliant work at quarterback. Humphries said the entire Black Mountain forward wall but Clifford Smatkers had a well but Clifford Smatkers. played well but Clifford Smathers and Atkins were outstanding.

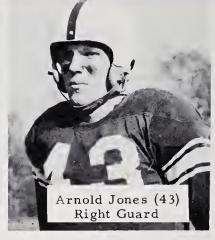


Big fullback, Johnny Atkins, picks up the yardage necessary for a first down as team-mate LeVine looks on.

# County Grid Title











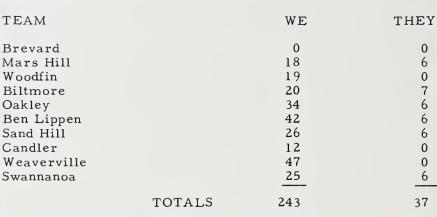
The Black Mountain Darkhorses successfully brought their 1952 football season to a close by defeating their old rivals, Swannanoa, by a score of 25-6. This boosted their record of regular season play in post war years to 59 wins against 6 losses and 4 ties.

There were few returning lettermen at the first of the season to form the nucleus of a ball club, but constant practice and the fine spirit and determination to win, which the Darkhorses have shown this season, have proven to be the vital essentials needed for a winning ball team.

The Darkhorses annexed the Buncombe County Championship for the second consecutive year with a record of 9 wins against no losses and one tie to Brevard to mar an otherwise perfect record.

The school was proud to have three of its outstanding players, Jim LeVine, Clifford Smathers, and Johnny Atkins, represent it in the annual Optimist Bowl Gameheld in Ashe ville on Thanksgiving day.

We are proud of these football boys who have brought honor and glory to Black Mountain High School, and again we wish to congratulate every member of the team for their outstanding work.



COACH: Ralph "Buffalo" Humphries CO-CAPTAINS: Clifford Smathers and Johnny Atkins









avid Corkran (51)

Left Guard



Left End



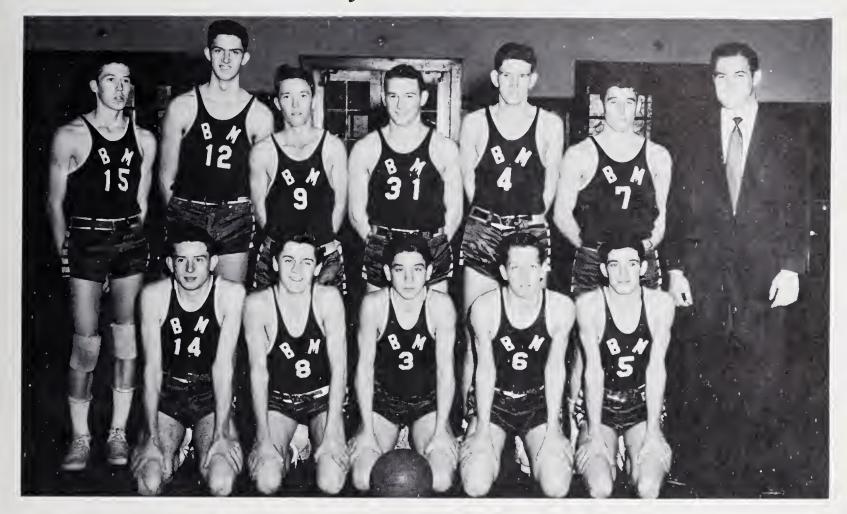






Dallas Calloway (46) Left End

### Boys' Basketball



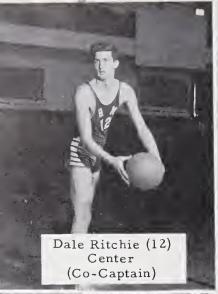
FIRST ROW: Calvin Runion, Charles Colquitt, Dan Reese, Charles Belcher, David Parris. SECOND ROW: E.V. Gouge, Dale Ritchie, Braska Odom, Clifford Smathers, Jimmy Penland, Gerald Burgess, and Coach "Buff" Humphries.

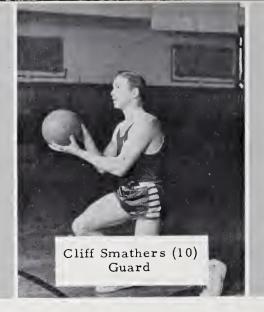
The Black Mountain High Boys' team closed out their 1952-1953 season with a 13-4 record, one of the best in county competition. The Darkhorses opened the season with a team lacking game experience as five of the first-string lettermen graduated with the 1952 senior class. But the local lads proved themselves ranking intop calibre ball as they soon developed a style which has put them near the top in the county ratings.

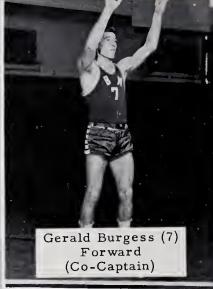
Each year the Darkhorses develop and improve with every game they play in until by tournament time they are classed as a number one competitor. This year's team is no exception as they have continually knocked undefeated teams from their ranks. The Key City lads have shown fine team work, and it is chiefly through this fact that they have achieved so successful a season.

Lanky Dale Ritchie, team captain and center, is currently sporting a 19.0 average in total points per game. It is the fine team work which the Darkhorses execute that enables their team-mate to be ranked third in county scoring. Realizing the fact that without every man on the team playing his role, the team would not hold so high a rating, the Darkhorses are now one of the top contenders for the Buncombe County Championship. Good luck in the tournament, Boys!

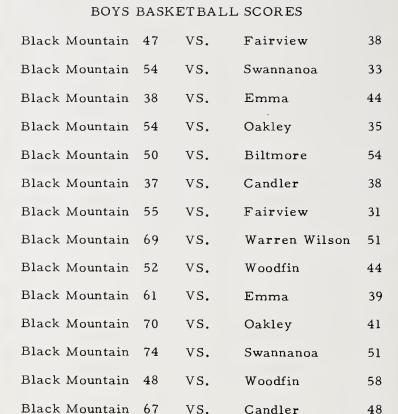
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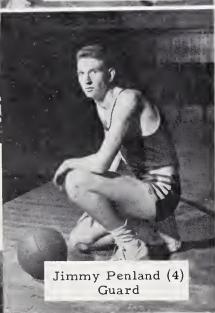
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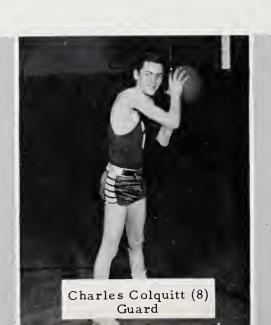
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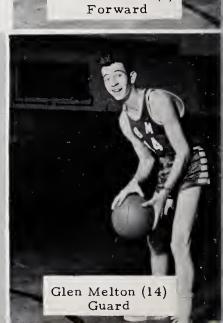
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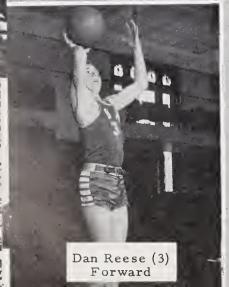








David Parris (5)



### Girls' Basketball



#### COUNTY CHAMPIONS

FIRST ROW: Thelma Payne, Alma Ballew, Valeen Cooper, Anne Marie Molloy, Evelyn Cooper, Madge Wilhide. SECOND ROW: Coach Byrd, Mary Rutledge, Pauline Vanover, Dot Allen, Peggy Packett, Judy Capps, Doris McMahan. THIRD ROW: Patty Tyson, Joyce Justus, Nancy Jo Thompson, Buzzie Brown, Ann Leatherwood, and Bettye June Roberts (Manager).

The Black Mountain High girl's team brought their 1952-1953 basketball season to a very successful close with a 15-1 record. The only blemish on their record was a loss at the hands of the Oakley cagers by the margin of 6 points. Prior to this game, the Nightmares had coasted to a 10 straight win record, topping any other record of consecutive wins previously held by the local lassies.

The Nightmares have currently vied with the Oakley sextet for first place honors in county competition, and for almost the entire season have held the coveted position of 'top team', but due to a revision in the schedule the local team remained idle for a week and watched their rivals take over the lead. The Nightmares are also running fifth in the Western North Carolina district ratings, an honor held by only one other Buncombe county team, Leicester.

The Black Mountain lassies have capitalized on tremendous team spirit and fine sportsmanship to pull them through games where more than ordinary ability was not enough. This fine spirit, which the Nightmares have shown all season, and outstanding ball play have given this team the name of "The sizzling sextet". Their brand of ball is befitting only to champions, and we hope that they will prove to be the "Champs" by the close of the Buncombe County Tournament.

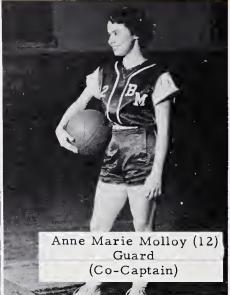
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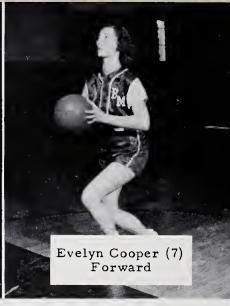
The Black Mountain High girl's team emerged victorious from the two gruelling weeks of red-hot tournament play. In the elimination rounds they gained an easy victory over their season rival, Emma. The Nightmares played outstanding ball in the quarter-finals and semi-finals to elimate two of the tourney's pre-game favorites, Sand Hill and Leicester. In the Sand Hill game it was the efficient work of the speedy guards which made the difference in the second triumph, but the high-scoring trio of Payne, Wilhide, and Cooper came back in the third tilt to put the Nightmares on the trail to glory. A free throw by Miss Wilhide in the last thirty seconds of play broke the tie which enabled the Black Mountain lassies to squeeze through

with a one point margin of victory. In the finals the Nightmares and the Weaverville sextet played on even terms until the third quarter when the local lassies took over and were never challenged till the final whistle sounded.

The Black Mountain team was honored to have two of its members chosen on the mythical All-Tournament team, forward-Miss Evelyn Cooper and guard-Miss Alma Ballew. The entire team showed good sportsmanship to their opponents and played the type of ball which successfully carried them to the first CHAMPIONSHIP ever to be held by a Black Mountain girl's team.





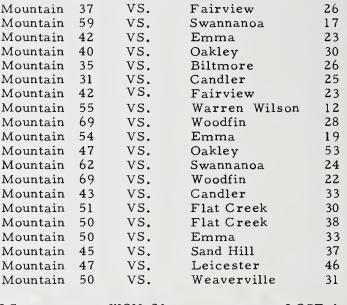


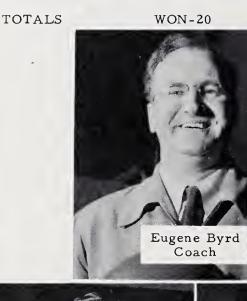






BASKETBALL SCORES





Thelma Payne (3) Forward











Buzzie Brown (8) Guard



# Junior Varsity



FIRST ROW: Lula Belle Osteen, Grace Robinson, Charlotte Knoefel, Sara Gouge, Marie Melton, Marilyn Morris. SECOND ROW: Coach Keever, Hattie Harris, Geraldine Moody, Shirley Stanley, Jackie Sarti, Judy Sawyer, Nora Williams. THIRD ROW: Mary Lou Fortune, Judy Cordell, Myrna Bartlett, Josie Surrett, Mattie Summey, and Ann Elliott.



FIRST ROW: Ransome Davis, Flakey Blanton, Daniel Wilson, Bobby Nix, Herbert Cordell. SE-COND ROW: Coach Keever, Bill Belcher, Stanley Garland, Frank Jordan, Billy Wells. THIRD ROW: Jimmy Brinkley, Billy Henderson, Kenny Martin, and T. Roberts.

### Cheerleaders



Ann Sawyer



Lynda Sue Martin

















Shirley Mull



Jo Ann McLean



Betty Austin



### Band



The band participated in many of the school's activities during the year. The main project for the first semester was the halftime shows for the football games. The spring concert, presented in April, was the main performance during the second semester.

Mrs. Charlene Maydewell (at left) is director



MAJORETTES: Left side, top to bottom: Carolyn Prescott, Buzzy Brown, Joyce Justus, and Evelyn Cooper. MAJORETTES: Right side, top to bottom: Arlene Swann, Patty Tyson, and Eleanor Justus. MAJORETTES: Center: Nancy Wilson, Barbara White, and Ann Whitaker. BAND: Front: Jack Farr, Baritone Horn. FIRST ROW: Sara Gouge, Melophone; Frances Kaplan, Clarinet; and Carolyn Smith, Cornet. SECOND ROW: Scotty Gragg, Saxaphone; Eva Smith, Trombone; David Tyson, Alto Horn. THIRD ROW: Gene Knoefel, Trumpet; Myrna Putnam, Cornet; and Naomi Elliott, Bell Lyre. FOURTH ROW: A.C. Ownbey Snare Drum; Austin Cooley, Trombone; Steve Kaplan, Cornet; and Paul Wright, Trumpet.

#### OFFICERS

Drum Majorette Evelyn Cooper
President Jack Farr
Vice President Eva Smith
Secretary Scotty Gragg
TreasurerAustin C. Cooley
Band MasterSteve Kaplan

#### BATON CORPS

A new group organized this year is the Baton Corps. They performed at the football games and parades. Grace Simons is manager; Emilye Hawkins and Inga Christensen are co-captains.



Ann Elliott, Jo Ann Lunsford, Inga Christensen, Mary Padgett, Rose Candler, Glenda Miller, Celeste McCall, Marie Melton.

#### JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET



Emilye Hawkins, David Mundy, Ann Sawyer, David Corkran, Mr. Byrd, Sara Martin, Johnny Atkins, Harold McIntosh, Thelma Payne, Clifford Smathers, Betty Austin, Wayne Fox.

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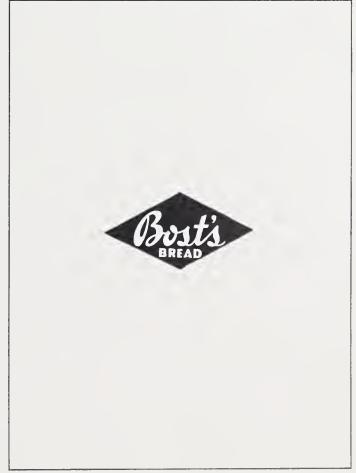
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Celeste McCall-"Why did you stop singing in the choir, Peggy?"
Peggy Williams-"Well, one Sunday I was sick and didn't sing, and a lot of people asked if the organ had been fixed."

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